

## BASEBALL—SPORTS OF ALL SORTS—BOXING

### Frame-Ups Are All Right When You Collect the Coin.

A Greek wrestler, Demetral, is in jail on a charge of getting some money from a man through a confidence game in a fake wrestling match. One wrestler more or less in jail will not shake the community, but the surrounding circumstances go to show why some fighters and wrestlers fake.

According to the story, Demetral was to go to an Ohio city and wrestle an unknown. The Greek would be a favorite. So he explained to his victim that a soft piece of money could be picked up. The victim, who thought he was really putting something over, was to bet \$4,000 on the unknown, getting good odds, and then Demetral was to lay down. They were to divide the loot.

But the plans went astray, and the backer of the Greek was stung. Immediately he arose in righteous indignation and claimed he was the victim of a frame-up. Demetral was arrested on his complaint.

From where we sit, the man with the \$4,000 got exactly what was coming to him. He was trying to put something over and got stung at his own game.

A whole lot of talk is heard about "arranged" wrestling bouts, and most of it is founded on fact, but if these sure-thing bettors get stung they should take their medicine.

Demetral is equally made the goat in this instance.

If the gent with the \$4,000 had made a clean-up he would have kept mighty quiet about the agreement he is alleged to have had with the wrestler. As is the case in all wire-tapping schemes, the fact that the man stung was really trying to put over something on his own hook is overlooked.

### National League to Have Its Usual War—McCue Trimmed.

The statement, authorized by Pres. Murphy of the Cubs, that baseball magnates will refuse to treat with Dave Fultz, president of the Players' Fraternity, on the demands of the players for better treatment, may mean that there will be some excitement at the meeting of the National League after all.

Fultz is not an active ballplayer, according to Murphy, and should not represent the men. The attitude of the players themselves on that question was settled recently when they re-elected Fultz. Dave is a former star, but now a lawyer. His legal training enables him to cope with the guile of the managers, who are in a class by themselves when it comes to inserting jokers in agreements.

A fight is imminent if the National magnates refuse to hear from Fultz. The question involved is not momentous, but a National League meeting without a fight of some kind would be like golf without cussing. It can't be done.

One man was killed and 35 were injured yesterday when the bleachers in Tulsa, Okla., collapsed during the Sox-Giants game. Players assisted the injured spectators.

The Sox won the game, 6 to 0, Walter Johnson pitching invincible ball against the Giants. He fanned 8. Mathewson started against him, but quit after two runs had been scored in the fourth.

That George Stovall has been humiliated in St. Louis with the approval of Ban Johnson of the American League is practically admitted in the latest statement from Branch Rickey, new manager of the Browns.

Johnson has been on Stovall's trail ever since the latter used an umpire for a cuspidor last summer. He suspended the then manager at the time,